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PASS HERLITHY, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, US
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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL TRAINING - CUSTOMS

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1. EMBASSY NARCOTIC CONTROL OFFICER DISCUSSED SUBJECT
TRAINING WITH MR. ANIS' SHARANI HEAD OF SYRIAN CUSTOMS, MARCH 15. SH
ARANI

SAID THAT, WHILE HE CANNOT GIVE OFFICIAL REPLY TO REQUEST FOR
NOMINEES UNTIL DIPLOMATIC NOTE TRANSMITTED THROUGH MINISTRY
FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS RECEIVED IN HIS OFFICE, HE WAS ANXIOUS
TO NOMINATE THREE OFFICERS. HOWEVER, HE HASTENED TO POINT
OUT THAT HIS SERVICE HAD NO MONEY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
OF TRAINEES AND THAT IT WAS GENERAL POLICY OF SYRIAN
GOVERNMENT THAT INVITING GOVERNMENTS PAY ALL COSTS FOR SUCH
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING.

2. EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
WILL NOT TRANSMIT REQUEST FOR NOMINEES TO CUSTOMS
UNLESS US PROMISES TO PAY COST OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.
ALL SARG OFFICIALS SPONSORED BY USAID FOR TRAINING IN
US. HAVE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS PAID BY USG.
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3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IN LIGHT OF PRESENT PRACTICE
PER PARA 2 AND BENEFITS WE EXPECT FROM PARTICIPATION
SARG OFFICIALS, US FUNDING OF TRAVEL COSTS WOULD BE
JUSTIFIED. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO IN VIEW OF RECENT
TROUBLES IN LEBANON AND POTENTIAL GREATER ROLE SYRIA
MAY PLAY AS ROUTE OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC SMUGGLING.

DEPARTMENT AND CUSTOMS SERVICE ARE REQUESTED TO APPROVE
USG FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS.
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